

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-7, 10-39 and 41-46 are pending. Claims 13, 21, 24, 27 and 33-37 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 8, 9 and 40 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 44-46 have been added and find support in the unamended claims. The claims have been amended, without prejudice, to revise symbols of the original claims and specification with corresponding words. No new matter has been added.

A copy of the documents cited in the International Search Report is being collected and will be forwarded under separate cover for the Examiner's consideration. Return of an initialed copy of the previously-submitted PTO 1449 Form listing same, as acknowledgement of the Examiner's consideration of the documents, is requested.

Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is requested in view of the above amendment to include a title over the brief description of the drawings included in the originally-filed specification. No new matter has been added. The Examiner is requested to advise the undersigned, preferably by telephone, in the event anything further is required by the objection to the drawings. The Examiner is not believed to have stated any specific objection to the drawings sheets *per se*. The objection to the drawings is understood to be with regard to the description of the drawings in the specification.

The Section 112, second paragraph, rejection of claims 1-12, 14-20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28-32 and 38-43 is obviated by the above amendments. The formula of claim 1 has

been revised in a manner believed to be evident to one of ordinary skill in the art to not raise new matter. Claim 14 has been revised to depend from claim 5 to provide antecedent basis. Claims 42 and 43 have been revised to delete the objected-to terms and phrases. Claims have been added to the deleted subject matter. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

The Section 112, first paragraph, rejection of claim 39 is obviated by the above amendments. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

The Section 112, first paragraph, rejection of claim 40 is moot in view of the above amendments.

The Section 102 rejection of claims 1-12, 14-20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28-32 and 38-43 over Picard (U.S. Patent No. 6,943,174), is traversed. The rejection is believed to be obviated by the above amendments. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested in view of the above.

The claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned, preferably by telephone, in the event anything further is required in this regard.

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